

St. Mary's County Public Schools



Elms Environmental Education Center Program Highlight

23160 Moakley Street Leonardtown, MD 20650

Native Plant Initiative

The seventh grade program has historically been a system wide service learning opportunity. In 2011 we transitioned from working on oyster restoration, after the Piney Point Aquaculture Center temporarily went offline, and started a native plant nursery at the Elms. Seventh



graders study the ecology of wetland plants and serve the nursery by helping to grow plants that are made freely available to non-profits, schools, scouts and master gardeners. Public plant sales for private homeowners are held once a year.

Environmental Stewardship







Students and community groups conducting restoration activities using the native plants may include rain gardens, wildlife habitat creation, reforestation, erosion control and wetland restoration/diversification.